



# BIOGRAPHY



## UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

### COLONEL SAM C. BARRETT

Colonel Sam C. Barrett is the Commander, 15th Wing, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Hawaii. The 15th Wing provides the Commander, U.S. Pacific Command and the Commander, Pacific Air Forces trained and equipped strategic airlift resources for contingency operations, tactical air supremacy assets with all-weather strike capability, and in-flight aerial refueling for United States and allied military aircraft. The wing operates the C-17A, C-37A, C-40B, F-22A, and KC-135R, while also providing command functions to operate the airfields at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam and Wake Island. The wing, in partnership with the Hawaii Air National Guard, employs Total Force combat and peacetime support to operations across Hawaii and throughout the Pacific Theater.



Colonel Barrett is a graduate of the U.S. Air Force Academy and has earned three subsequent Master's degrees. He was commissioned as a second lieutenant in June 1988 and is a command pilot with over 4,200 hours in the C-141B, T-1A, KC-135R/T, and C-40B.

#### EDUCATION:

- 1988 Bachelor of Science degree in General Studies, U. S. Air Force Academy, CO
- 1994 Squadron Officers School, Maxwell Air Force Base, AL
- 1997 Master's Degree with Distinction, Aeronautical Sciences, Embry Riddle University
- 2001 "Distinguished Graduate," Master's of Operational Art & Science, Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, AL
- 2005 "Outstanding Graduate," Air War College by correspondence
- 2007 "Distinguished Graduate," Master's Degree in National Security and Strategic Studies, Naval War College, Newport, RI

#### ASSIGNMENTS:

1. July 88 - July 1989, Student, Undergraduate Pilot Training, Columbus AFB, MS
2. August 1989 - October 1989, Student, C-141B Combat Crew Training, Altus AFB, OK
3. November 1989 - December 1993, Strategic Airlift Pilot, Instructor Pilot, and Executive Officer, 20th Airlift Squadron, Charleston AFB, SC
4. January 1994 - February 1994, Student, Squadron Officers School, Maxwell AFB, AL
5. March 1994 - June 1994, Student, T-1A Pilot Instructor Training, Randolph AFB, TX

6. July 1994 - March 1996, T-1A Check Pilot, and Chief of Training, 86th Flight Training Squadron, Laughlin AFB, TX
7. April 1996 - March 1998, T-1A Initial Cadre Instructor Pilot, Flight Examiner, Operations Group Standardizations/Evaluations, and Flight Commander, 48th Flight Training Squadron and 14th Operations Group, Columbus AFB, MS
8. March 1998 - June 1998, Student, KC-135R Combat Crew Training, Altus AFB, OK
9. July 1998 - June 2000, Aircraft Commander, Instructor Pilot, Flight Examiner, Readiness Flight Commander, and Assistant Operations Officer, KC-135R, 97th Air Refueling Squadron, Fairchild AFB, WA
10. July 2000 - June 2001, Student, Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, AL
11. July 2001 - June 2002, Special Actions Officer, AETC Command Action Group, Randolph AFB, TX
12. June 2002 - June 2003, Executive Officer to the Vice Commander, Air Education and Training Command, Randolph AFB, TX
13. June 2003 - May 2004, Operations Officer, 350th Air Refueling Squadron, McConnell AFB, KS
14. May 2004 – March 2006, Commander, 350th Air Refueling Squadron, McConnell AFB, KS
15. March 2006 – June 2006, Deputy Commander, 22nd Operations Group, McConnell AFB, KS
16. July 2006 – June 2007, SDE Student, United States Naval War College, Newport, RI
17. July 2007 – June 2009, USTRANSCOM LNO to NORAD and NORTHCOM, Peterson AFB, CO
18. July 2009 – May 2010, Vice Commander, 15th Airlift Wing, Hickam Air Force Base, HI
19. May 2010 – Present, Commander, 15th Wing, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, HI

#### FLIGHT INFORMATION:

Rating: Command Pilot

Flight Hours: More than 4,200

Aircraft Flown: T-37, T-38, C-141B, T-1A, KC-135R/T, and C-40B

#### MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS:

Defense Superior Service Medal

Meritorious Service Medal with three oak leaf clusters

Air Medal

Aerial Achievement Medal with two oak leaf clusters

Air Force Commendation Medal with one oak leaf cluster

Meritorious Unit Award

AF Outstanding Unit Award with four oak leaf clusters

AF Organizational Excellence Award

Combat Readiness Medal

National Defense Service Medal with one device

Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal

Southwest Asia Service Medal with one device

Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal

Global War on Terrorism Service Medal

Saudi Arabian Kuwaiti Liberation Medal

Kuwaiti Liberation Medal

#### EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION:

Second Lieutenant June 1, 1988

First Lieutenant June 1, 1990

Captain June 1, 1992

Major October 1, 1999

Lieutenant Colonel March 1, 2003

Colonel September 1, 2007

(Current as of June 25, 2010)

